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the compartment, the compartment having a substantially open top portion, the housing further having a rear portion, the housing providing internal space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing, the printed circuit board having a front portion and a rear portion, a print module mounted to the rear portion of the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the housing, and the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on the label web.

12. A portable printer as defined in claim 11, at least one battery in the housing, and an access opening in the housing between the compartment and the inside of the housing, the battery being accessible through the access opening.

13. A printer as defined in claim 12, including a door for the opening movable between closed and open positions.

14. A portable printer, comprising: an elongate housing having a front portion and a rear portion, the front portion having a compartment adapted to receive a data entry device, a thermal print module having a print head and a cooperating platen roll disposed at the rear portion, an elongate printed circuit board in the housing extending from the front portion to the rear portion of the housing, the print module being mounted on the printed circuit board at the rear

portion of the housing, and the housing having space within the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web.

15. In combination: a portable printer and a portable data entry device connected thereto, the portable data entry device including an elongate data entry device housing having a front end, a scanner disposed at the front end of the data entry device housing for scanning a label, a display and a plurality of manually operable keys, the printer including an elongate printer housing having a front portion with an open-ended channel-shaped compartment adapted to slidably receive the data entry device through the open end of the compartment, the scanner being capable of receiving data through the open end of the compartment, the compartment having a substantially open top portion to enable access to the display and the keys, the printer housing further having a rear portion, the printer housing providing internal space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the printer housing, the printed circuit board having a front portion and a rear portion, a print module mounted to the rear portion of the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the printer housing, and the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on the label web.

16. The combination as defined in claim 15, at least one battery in the printer housing, and an access opening in the printer housing

between the compartment and the inside of the printer housing, the battery being accessible through the access opening.

17. The combination as defined in claim 16, including a door for the opening movable between closed and open positions.

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18. In combination: a portable printer and a portable data entry device connected thereto, the portable data entry device including an elongate data entry device housing having a front end, a scanner disposed at the front end of the data entry device housing for scanning a label, a display and a plurality of manually operable keys, the printer including an elongate printer housing having a front portion and a rear portion, the front portion having a compartment adapted to receive the data entry device, a thermal print module having a print head and a cooperating platen roll disposed at the rear portion, an elongate printed circuit board in the printer housing extending from the front portion to the rear portion of the printer housing, the print module being mounted on the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the printer housing, and the printer housing having space within the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web.

19. In combination: a portable printer and a portable data entry device connected thereto, the portable data entry device including an elongate data entry device housing having a front end, a scanner disposed at the front end of the data entry device housing for scanning a label, a display and a plurality of manually operable keys, the printer

including an elongate printer housing having a front portion with a compartment adapted to receive the data entry device, the housing further having a rear portion, the printer housing providing space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing, at least one battery on the printed circuit board at the front portion of the printer housing, a print module mounted to the circuit board at the rear portion of the printer housing, and the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on a label web.

20. A portable printer, comprising: an elongate housing having a front portion with an open-ended channel-shaped compartment adapted to slidably receive a data entry device through the open end of the compartment, the compartment having a substantially open top portion, the housing having a pair of opposed connected substantially mirror-image housing section, the housing further having a rear portion, the housing providing internal space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing and supported by the housing sections, the printed circuit board having a front portion and a rear portion, a print module mounted to the rear portion of the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the housing, and the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on the label web.

21. A portable printer, comprising: an elongate housing having a front portion and a rear portion, the front portion having a compartment adapted to receive a data entry device, the housing having a pair of opposed substantially mirror-image housing sections, a thermal print head module having a print head and a cooperating platen roll disposed at the rear portion, an elongate printed circuit board supported by the housing sections in the housing and extending from the front portion to the rear portion of the housing, the print head module being mounted on the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the housing, and the housing having space within the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web.

22. A portable printer, comprising: an elongate housing having a front portion with a compartment adapted to receive a data entry device, the housing further having a rear portion, the housing providing space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, the housing having a pair of opposed substantially mirror-image connected housing sections, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing and supported by the housing sections, at least one battery on the printed circuit board at the front portion of the housing, a print module mounted to the circuit board at the rear portion of the housing, and the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on the label web.